Thatcham-approved tracking system definitions guide

Vehicle Tracking Systems – Category S7

The purpose of the Thatcham assessed Vehicle Tracking System is to detect unauthorised use of a protected vehicle, increasing the probability of the recovery of a stolen vehicle. Category S7 specifications are as follows:

- 24/7 monitored meeting the requirements of 'BS 8591 Remote centres receiving signals from alarm systems – Code of practice' Category 1 or equivalent standard.

- Passively and Remote set function.

- Health Check program.

- Means of locating Asset (e.g. GPS) within a 1-mile radius in general terrain.

- Precisely locatable within 15 minutes from signal receipt on Thatcham pursuit test.

- A minimum of one means of transmission of signal.

- Battery back-up power supply.

- Resistance to attack for a minimum of 2 minutes

Asset Location Systems – Category S5 (GPS & ADR)

The purpose of the Thatcham assessed Asset Location System is to increase the probability of the recovery of a stolen asset. Category S5 specifications are as follows:

- 24/7 monitored meeting the requirements of 'BS 8591 Remote centres receiving signals from alarm systems – Code of practice' Category 1 or equivalent standard.

- Passively and Remote set function.

- Health Check program.

- Roaming SIM.

- Global Positioning System (GPS).

- Driver Identification Device (ADR).

- Vehicle motion detection

- Data logging.

- Bi-Directional data transmission.

- Battery back-up power supply.

- Resistance to attack for a minimum of 2 minutes.

Your essential checklist:

- ☐ Check your insurance requirements carefully, and make sure your system has the required capabilities, either GPS only or GPS & ADR.

- ☐ Complete all stages of the required system set-up and ensure that activation has been completed.

- ☐ Ensure that confirmation has been received from the manufacturer or system provider and that the tracking system is active and fully operational. If you doubt the system is not live and fully working, check back with the provider immediately.

- ☐ Make sure the tracking subscription is paid and active at all times.

- ☐ Set reminders for the subscription's renewal.

- ☐ Ensure ADR tags are never left in the car when unattended.

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